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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : C nfirmation No. 6807
Yuji ISHIHARA et al. : Docket No. 2001_1276
Serial No. 09/960,477 : Group Art Unit 1624
Filed September 24, 2001 : Examiner T. Truong

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AGENTS AND CRYSTALS FOR IMPROVING
EXCRETORY POTENCY OF URINARY BLADDER

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated April 23, 2003.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of Group I is unfairly narrow. In the parent application Serial No. 09/787,288, Ar was defined as a monocycle or bicycle. In the restriction requirement issued in that case dated July 11, 2001, Group II was defined as Ar being a tricycle.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement and allow Ar to be a tricycle. At the very least, the Examiner is respectfully requested to define Ar according to the formula set forth in claim 4.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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